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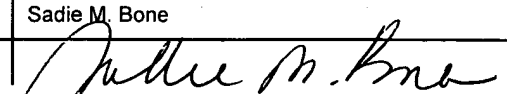
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the November 19, 2004 Office Action, applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 6-23, drawn to an apparatus, medium and computer system for generating a graphical user interface. The election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-5, Group II, claims 6-23, and Group III, claims 24-26, are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Therefore, since the subject matter of Groups I, II and III are related, applicants respectfully submit that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803, which states that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application, and the requirement for restriction be withdrawn in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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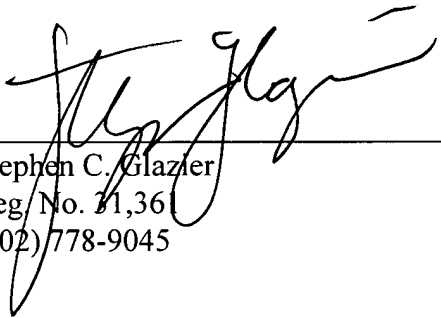
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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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